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Down With Patterson's Racism — And Kennedy's Hypocrisy!

Kennedy and Patterson Made a Deal

Anybody who thinks John F. Kennedy really gives a damn about freedom for the black man is just kidding himself. And anybody who thinks Kennedy is really going to fight Governor John Patterson of Alabama or Governor Ross Barnett of Mississippi has another think coming, too.

To begin with, Barnett and Patterson are in the same political party with Kennedy and helped elect Kennedy to the Presidency.

Just last spring, Kennedy made it a point to have a private luncheon with Patterson in a successful attempt to line up Patterson's political support.

Kennedy made part of his political pay-off for this support when he appointed Patterson's campaign manager, anti-semitic, anti-labor Charles Meriwether, to directorship of the multi-billion dollar U.S. Export-Import Bank.

When Patterson campaigned in 1958 he had the open and active support of the Ku Klux Klan. Both Meriwether and Patterson accepted this support. And it is safe to say that if this paper is aware of the fact, so was Kennedy.

But of course, it is not *merely* a matter of machine politics.. Kennedy is of course worried about how these Southern atrocities "look" to the former African colonies which he is trying to get under the influence of U.S. imperialism. And he would quite willingly "doublecross" Patterson for the sake of making a few extra million dollars out of Africa.

But this is easier said than done. Class politics is thicker than blood or water. And Patterson and Kennedy belong to the same *class* as well as to the same party. The capitalist class cannot rule the United States without the mechanism of white supremacy.

That is why Kennedy will remain true to his deal with Patterson—in all the aspects that really count.

Northern, Southern Oppressors in Family Argument; Each in His Own Way is Afraid the Oppressed Will Take the Mass Action Road to Black Freedom

The Bayou Bourbons of the South have again showed their readiness to fight the Civil War again in order not to surrender any fraction of their privileges or a single shade of their so-called "white supremacy."

That is simple and clear and plain for all to see.

But the millionaire and billionaire boys from Wall Street and their platimum-plated "liberal" in the White House haven't the remotest idea of acting like their Lincolnian ancestors and crushing these Bourbons in the name of freedom. The Northern "liberals" will never destroy the Southern racist domination over the Afro-American people—which is so vital to the Southern "way of life."

That is **not** so simple and clear and plain for all to see.

The difference between the Northern- and Southern oppressors is purely **tactical.** It is over the question of how best to **control** their black semi-slaves and advance the **general** interest of U.S. white supremacist imperialism.

Kennedy and the Northern "liberal" rulers are afraid that the Southern Terror will force the black masses to rebel and begin a struggle which, once it starts, can never be sweet-talked nor bargained away.

Kennedy's Southern "cousins" — the Pattersons, Barnetts, Eastlands, etc., think that once the Terror is lessened, that is just what will *start* this great struggle. So they and their dupes viciously oppose the freedom riders.

But neither of these tactics will stem the fight for Black Freedom, which is inevitable and invincible.

And the "Freedom Riders" in spite of their pacifist defects, will help to evoke this more authentic *mass* movement of determined, open struggle. Their near-martyrdom under the false flag of pacifism will spark a different kind of struggle than they themselves foresee.

Love and Prayers Will Not Work—

BUILD DEFENSE GUARDS!

What is a defense guard?

It is a group of people who decide to organize their own self-defense, particularly against racial attack.

Such a group is organized, drilled and trained in the use of arms—and if no arms are available, in the use of judo or some other systematic method of self-defense.

The participants in a defense guard are just as much opposed to the use of violence as the pacifists are. But they understand more clearly what they are up against. Life itself has taught them that while supremacy is impervious to love and prayers. They are determined to stop the racist attacks and save the lives and honor of their children and womenfolk.

White sympathizers can help. In fact, they can do much better by helping defense guards than by making liberal supplications to the Ku Klux Klan.

Where it's not possible for white sympathizers to take active part in the defense guard, itself, they can provide money, legal aid if necessary, and appeals to public sympathy.

Naturally, a defense guard is a serious undertaking. But being a matter of life or death in some cases, and a matter of self-preservation for the whole Afro-American people's rights in *all* cases, it is inevitable that hundreds and even *thousands* of such defense guards will soon be formed.

Harlem Masses Force NAACP to Let Rob Williams Speak

Turn-the-Other-Cheek Preachers Booed!

On May 17, the NAACP was practically routed out of Harlem by a mass of much of its leadership.

The focus of the protest was over Rob Williams, the NAACP's most militant local leader, chairman of the Monroe, North Carolina branch.

Two years ago, Williams was suspended from the organization for six months because of his now-famous statement that Afro-Americans should "meet violence with violence," and his refusal to retract it.

Last week, at the insistence of the black masses themselves, Williams became the main speaker at the NAACP's rally.

A full explanation of what happened was given by the Crusaders for Freedom, a militant Afro-American group. The Crusaders' statement is printed below:

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Mass resentment against the NAACP leadership reached an all-time high in the Harlem community, when the NAACP leadership was unable to go through with what they thought would be a giant rally for support of their policies. So strong was the militant opposition from the masses, that the leadership *lost control of the meeting.*

For the first time in the memory of Harlem political leaders, the NAACP was forced to abandon a meeting—but not without first turning it over to Robert Williams, one of the principal opponents of their policies.

A leaflet signed by the COMMITTEE FOR THE RIGHT TO HEAR ROBERT WILLIAMS SPEAK, was distributed prior to the meeting. It called for all Harlem to come and demand that Robert Williams of the Monroe, N. C. Branch of the NAACP, be allowed to speak. The leaflet went on to say:

> "Today a rally is scheduled to take place, arranged by the NAACP. But Williams—who has boldly and courageously raised the banner of meeting violence with violence—has not been scheduled to speak at this rally. Why not??
>
> "Is it because he has denounced the cheek-turning policy of the Uncle Toms and refused to knuckle under to the agents of the oppressor within our own ranks?
>
> "Demand that Robert Williams be allowed to speak. Demand that the Uncle Tom leaders stop their attack upon the militant black people—the Nationalists and Muslims. Demand they attack instead the real enemy—the white supremacists."

Just before the rally began, about 50 young men carrying picture placards of Patrice Lumumba and signs denouncing the leadership of the NAACP, joined the crowd of about 3,000 persons attending the rally.

From the very outset of the rally, the large majority of those present hissed and booed down speaker after speaker. Not even two renditions of the National Anthem, the invocation, or the (closing) benediction could quiet this demonstration of the black masses of Harlem.

An incessant chant of "We want Williams . . . We want Williams . . ." arose from the crowd. And the NAACP bigwigs on the platform, which included Roy Wilkins, Percy Sutton, Daisy Bates and others, were forced to concede to the wishes of the audience.

Taking the microphone, Williams denounced the Uncle Toms for telling the Afro-Americans *"to continue turning the cheek which has been slapped now for more than 400 years."* He then called on all Afro-Americans to defend themselves, and their women and children.

If the Uncle Toms want to teach pacifism," he said, "let them teach it to the Ku Klux Klan and White Citizens Council."

There was a thunderous ovation as Williams left the platform. The crowd surged forward, lifting him to their shoulders, and carried him through the cheering crowd. . . .

To end the meeting, the only attention paid the minister saying the benediction, was a lone egg that splattered on his lapel.

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Imperialism Loses "Prestige"

One thing, at least, about Alabama should give comfort to the oppressed. It's an ill wind, they say, that blows nobody any good.

The event once again exposes U.S. imperialism and still further *lowers its prestige* before the colonial masses and workers of the world.

It will now be much more difficult for Kennedy's phony "Peace Corps" to bamboozle the Asians and Africans into falling for U.S. capitalism when stories and pictures of Alabama are flashed to all corners of the world.

Wants Tractors – Not Traitors

Fidel Castro has offered the United States 1,000 prisoners in exchange for 500 bulldozers as indemnification for destruction caused by the invasion.

The capitalist press compares this with Hitler's offer to exchange tractors for Jewish prisoners.

There is a slight difference:

Hitler's prisoners had committed no other crime than that of having been born of a different "race" than Hitler. Castro's prisoners committed the *real* crime of trying to destroy a regime which gives full and fair equality to all races and of trying to traitorously put their country once again under foreign domination (by Wall Street).

Hitler's crime did not consist in his willingness to stop cremating Jews in order to get tractors. It consisted in his cremating the Jews in the first place.

Most people, including the capitalists, expected Castro to *execute* the prisoners as is often done in civil wars. But now after Castro's offer, the bosses and bankers pretend to be horrified so as to whip up more opposition to Cuba here in the United States.

But it's not *entirely* lies and hypocrisy on their part. Let us consider it for a moment from the point of view of the bosses:

Their usual course is to throw two men on the scrap heap to starve while they buy one more machine to replace them. Now they are being asked to take two men *off* the scrap heap and *give away* a machine.

—Truly, this Cuban Revolution is dangerous to the American Way of Life!

Albizu Campos and Molina

It has just been announced that the Castro government is willing to exchange Captain Artime, one of the top leaders of the counter-revolutionary invasion for the freedom of Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos and Francisco Molina.

Albizu Campos is the leader of the Puerto Rican Nationalists. He has been unjustly imprisoned for many years by U.S. imperialism.

Francisco Molina is a young Cuban national falsely accused of killing a little girl (who died as a result of a stray bullet fired during a fight between a number of anti-Castro provocateurs and pro-Castro men).

Naturally it would be very good if the imperialist jailers thought so highly of their stooge Cuban traitor, Artime, that they would yield up two of their innocent victims for his freedom.

But it is the duty of the advanced workers to continue the fight for Albizu Campos and for the freedom of Molina by all traditional methods of class action and mass pressure. It is proper to hope for, but not to depend upon, some unexpected break or some diplomatic development to accomplish these ends.

As we go to press, Molina is being sentenced for second degree murder by Judge Schweitzer (May 26) in General Sessions Court, New York City. And Molina's supporters are picketing the court, maintaining his innocence and demanding his freedom.

Bankruptcy of CORE Pacifism

The bus burning in Alabama was first and foremost a proof of the impossibility of reforming the white supremacists by peaceful methods. It was a proof of the *bankruptcy of pacifism.*

But it is also important to say *who* the pacifists are. They are not merely a group of idealistic boys and girls who spontaneously decide to bare their breasts to the clubs and chains of the oppressor. They are *organized* by a national group with a program, a press and a political line. In the Alabama case, they were organized by the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE).

CORE is the organization which conducts classes for young Afro-Americans to learn how to be insulted, spit upon, burned by cigarettes and slugged—without fighting back.

The *reason* that CORE poisons the youth with this degrading pacifism is complex and would take more time and space than we can afford. But the *fact* that it does so is clear for all to see.

White supremacist capitalism is responsible for organizing the burnings and beatings in the South. But CORE pacifism is responsible for organizing the *defeats.*

Only the most militant intervention of the black masses themselves, can wipe out the humiliation of these defeats and win the coming victory.

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U.S. Denies Winston Clemency Plea; Shows Mercy to Bosses and Madams

By George Fitzpatrick

Henry Winston, Afro-American Smith Act victim serving his eighth year in a Federal Prison, was the subject of a May 12th Mother's Day delegation to the White House and Department of Justice seeking executive clemency.

Winston, who is totally blind and incapacitated, due to the racist neglect of the Federal prison authorities, has even been denied time off for good behavior that is usually granted. In addition he has been denied a medical parole in still another example of white supremacist, red-baiting vengeance.

It is revealing to contrast the treatment given a working class Afro-American with the two years prison term handed to N.Y.C.'s "leading madam" on August 12, 1960; the *clearing* of five major drug concerns of price fixing and criminal conspiracy in the sale of $53,600,000 of Salk polio vaccine desperately needed to protect children and others from that dreaded disease; the tap on the wrist treatment of those involved in the New York City meat scandal case in December 1959; the suspended sentences accorded the landlords of some of the worst rat infested, fire-trap slums in New York and the vacation-like prison terms given the G. E. executives in the price fixing case recently.

We note that even "Axis Sally" was granted a parole. One standard of justice for the working class and quite another for the oppressors! Such are the wonders of U.S. capitalism.

Henry Winston

You Can't Blame U.S. Big Brass — It Just Couldn't HELP Flopping!

The invasion failed. But why does everybody blame the CIA and the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the United States for the failure?

It is now common knowledge that all the biggest officials entrusted with the defense of the United States itself, were responsible for the counter-revolutionary invasion of Cuba, from start to finish.

And this invasion was indeed a flop.

So the common consensus is that the above-mentioned gentlemen don't know their business — that they're stumblebums not worthy of wearing the brass hats that an adoring Wall Street has crowned them with.

Would that this were so! — But the military masterminds of the Pentagon are not nearly so incompetent as the capitalist columnists say they are.

True, every military expert in every editorial office in the land has pointed out the deficiencies of the landing, the bad character of the terrain, the insufficient support (by the U.S.) from the air—and several finer and more closely considered defects of the operation.

But it is safe to assume that the eager-beavers of the U.S. Middle Command did their homework even if the High Command did not, and the former, after all, work for the latter.

Actually, the *military* plans were pretty sound. The choice of a beach-head was a good one—*militarily.* If it could have been held by the counter-revolutionaries for a few days, a "provisional government" would have been set up and Wall Street's government could have recognized it, and then the big guns could have moved in. Everything would have been dandy.

The trouble was that the invasion spot—so good *militarily*—happened to be a place where the revolution had helped the inhabitants even more than those in most other places.

Unlike the invaders (who surrendered in droves after the second day), these inhabitants *were willing to lay down their lives* in defense of their revolution. And the first defenders, surprised and greatly outnumbered, did exactly that—*unanimously.*

You really can't blame the CIA and the Joint Chiefs of Staff—or Kennedy either—for not being able to beat a thing like that.

They're doing a praiseworthy job organizing the guided missiles, rockets, atomic bombs, hydrogen bombs and super-super bombs to defend this outlived, reactionary imperialist system.

They can't very well find human beings ready to die for it as well.

Some System!

Headline in the May 15 *New York Herald Tribune*:

"Recession Really Over, Dillon Says—But Unemployment Will Rise"

Well—Here's ONE Way to Solve it!

Kennedy's Minimum Wage Law is a Fraud; He Promised Bread—And Gave a Stone

By Pedro Sanchez

Kennedy's Minimum Wage law is a sham concocted of a series of frauds. The frauds are listed below.

Fraud No. 1:

The law does *not* provide for a general minimum wage as the workers were led to expect. It is only for *some* people. It leaves out precisely those who need it most, especially the oppressed Afro-American, Puerto Rican and Mexican-American workers.

It leaves out 146,000 laundry workers, all hotel and motel workers, tobacco and cotton gin workers, cleaning and dyeing workers, the most under-paid of the hospital workers, and all agricultural workers.

Some workers in the South are actually removed from the protection they formerly had. These workers may even get a cut in pay.

Fraud No. 2:

The new law is *not* a simple $1.25 minimum wage as it was touted by the Kennedy "liberals."

It raises the minimum to just $1.15 and that not until September 3 of this year. And only two years later, on September 3, 1963 does the minimum go up to $1.25. But even then, on that date, millions of workers will still get less than $1.25.

Fraud No. 3:

Only the workers who were covered by the *old* minimum wage law will get the magnificent sums mentioned above. Those *newly* covered by the new law are supposed to get just a $1.00 minimum this September, and $1.15 on September 3, 1964 and $1.25 on September 3, 1965.

—The inflationary rise in the cost of living will eat up the whole miserable increase long before these workers even obtain it!

Fraud No. 4:

The Administration claims that the law brings 3.6 million more people under its protection.

The law extends *formal* protection to this number. *Bu most of them do not need it.*

For example, among the 3.6 million there are no less than 1 million construction workers and very, very few of these earn less than $1.25 an hour.

Of the whole 3.6 million, it is estimated that perhaps 660,000 may actually benefit.

Fraud No. 5:

The law pretends to give the workers time-and-a-half for overtime.

Actually, workers in most cases will not get overtime pay until September 1963—and then *only after 44 hours!*

Fraud No. 6:

There are no teeth in the law.

As the *Wall Street Journal* advised its well-heeled readers on May 8—

"Notice to retailers: If you aren't paying all your employees at least $1.00 an hour by September 3, don't worry about Uncle Sam trying to put you in jail."

And it quoted a veteran Labor Department official as saying, *"We have never thought of this (law) as a criminal statute."*

The *Wall Street Journal* adds: *"Though the law calls for a Federal prison term as the penalty for repeated, wilful, non-compliance, the Government regards jail (for employers—ed.) as a last resort."*

Almost every word of this last statement is an engraved invitation for bosses to keep on chiseling and sweating workers at even below the subhuman level the law provides

Fraud No. 7:

Kennedy's supporters claim that he really wanted a stronger law.

Kennedy did *talk about* a stronger law. But as early as March 24, after just five weeks in office, he firmly backed the *Albert* bill in the House of Representatives, which is substantially the same as the new bill passed by all of Congress and signed by Kennedy on May 5.

The Albert bill was really written by Secretary of Labor, Arthur Goldberg, and Kennedy's legislative liaison man, Lawrence O'Brien. It included all the frauds listed above .

These frauds are not merely the result of the usual horse-trades and dirty deals of the big bosses' Congress. They are the frauds of the multimillionaire phony friend of the working man,—the big bosses' President, John F. Kennedy.

$12 for 3 Weeks

New York, May 19—Fermin Lopez Rosado, a migrant farm worker, testified to a Congressional subcommittee here today that he had received exactly $12.31 for 142 hours work—after "deductions" by the farmer.

He was also severely beaten by a guard at the camp (in Glassboro, New Jersey)—apparently because he sent a letter to a Congressman complaining about the above wages.

—Migrant farm workers are of course *not* covered by the new Minimum Wage Law.

They Sure Are!

David Murphey 3d, a partner in the brokerage firm of the Pierce, Carrison, Wulbern Corporation, and the Florida Coordinator for the John Birch Society, made the following statement in an interview with a reporter for the *New York Times*:

"The Communists are after us, you and me, all of us, and particularly us, the stock brokers."

How Gov. Patterson Prepared MORE Racist Attacks Just After the Bus-Burning at Anniston

"As the bus arrived and the doors opened, about thirty of the toughs grabbed the passengers and dragged them into alleys and corridors, beating them with key rings and sticks and bare fists. About twelve of the attackers knocked down one passenger at my feet and kicked and beat him until his face was a bloody red pulp."

This did not occur outside the small town of Anniston where the Greyhound bus was fire-bombed and burned the same day. It happened in the very center of the comparative metropolis of Birmingham within a couple minutes drive from the City Hall and Central Police Station.

It did not happen to a bunch of people "advocating force and violence." It happened to a group of interracial pacifists bent on convincing the racist oppressor by prayers and example, to stop his oppression.

And the person who wrote these words was not some excited boy or fanciful young girl, but the very well-known and highly-respected Howard K. Smith, chief Washington correspondent for CBS, on a special assignment in Birmingham.

Neither the City Police, the Mayor, nor the Governor himself, have lifted a finger to apprehend the brutal degenerates who committed this foul crime and the still more monstrous crime at Anniston.

On the contrary! *They have collaborated with the criminals.* And even now they are fanning the flames of racist hysteria in the attempt to create a statewide lynching party against the Afro-American people.

As Smith puts it: *"All of this happened near police headquarters at City Hall. . . . But no police showed up until exactly ten minutes later, by which time the attackers had gone to waiting cars and disappeared as if on signal from someone in the know."*

The burning of the Greyhound bus at Anniston was equally well organized and co-ordinated with the planned inaction of law enforcement officials.

About 100 men attacked the bus at Anniston in full view of the police and state troopers, with stones, clubs and lead pipes. One used a three foot length of heavy chain. They threw a fire bomb into the bus after the bus was crippled by two flat tires (engineered by the mob in the Anniston bus depot—also under the eyes of the cops). They boarded the bus and beat middle aged and older men into unconsciousness.

A policeman who was standing outside the bus near Anniston, entered it in the very midst of the outrage. And according to one of the women victims—"When we asked him to do something, he just said:

" 'I don't see anything. If I don't see anything, I can't do anything.' "

The rest of the cops didn't even bother to cover up their support of the racist thugs even this much. But nobody could be surprised at this, since both the Anniston and Birmingham city administrations are public supporters of segregation. The infamous Birmingham Police Commissioner, "Bull" Conner, was elected in 1958 on an open program of segregation and white supremacy.

Moreover, the Governor himself (John Patterson), a few hours after these atrocities were already in the national headlines, refused to give the suffering victims the slightest protection, and in fact did his best best to provide that they would suffer still more!

He said: *"The citizens of this state are so enraged I cannot guarantee protection for this bunch of rabble-rousers . . . I cannot accept the responsibility for a group of renegades who are here for the avowed purpose of stirring up trouble."*

Thus the Governor not only backed up the police who helped organize the near-massacre; he duplicated Orval Faubus' 1957 encouragement for *more* racist violence in Little Rock.

Birmingham has been a hell-hole of oppression for many years. That hell has been heating up for some time—in fact during the very time that the preaching of love and non-violence has become so popular (if not so effective).

Beating has followed beating. Sadistic floggings have become commonplace. Where there was once a single lynching, there are now a dozen of these beatings. And these beatings aim to intimidate the masses, because the floggers are never punished.

The victims of the Alabama horror last week were fine people, brave and heroic people. But they made the mistake of believing that the oppressor is capable of changing. They made the mistake of thinking the oppressor really *believes* the "love-your-enemies" opium that his preachers dispense on Sundays.

But their mistake can be corrected. If not by themselves, then by others.

When the black masses *themselves* go into action against "Bull" Connor, John Patterson and Company, they will avenge the "Freedom Riders" and win full liberation.

Mother in Factory Baby Dies at Home; Mother Arrested

Her baby was burned to death while she was out working on the night shift at the doll factory.

So they arrested her for neglect.

Nancy James, 23, of Brooklyn—mother of five children, wife of Hezekiel James, 25, who workers in a metals factory by day and a repair shop by night—trying to pay too much rent for too little room, trying to bring up five kids (oldest, age 6), hiring a baby sitter to watch them, and paying out over a third of her take-home pay to do it—going to work one night when the baby-sitter didn't show up, thinking that little Bernadette and Loretta will manage—coming back home exhausted as always from eight hours in the plant on top of eight hours in the house—to find her youngest burned to death.

—The other kids panicked when the couch caught fire with the baby lying on it, went out the door for help and the door slammed, locked from the inside. The neighbors couldn't get in the door. The firemen arrived—and the police. Too late to save the baby's life.

But the police were in plenty of time to arrest Nancy James when she came home from the doll factory.

True to Form

Kennedy's famous rocking chair was made in North Carolina by non-union labor at wages slightly over a dollar an hour.

Meanwhile, Back in Alabama . . .

South African Masses Preparing to Break Their Chains

By Herbert Wad

While in Alabama the buses of pacifist groups are being burned and white racists are bludgeoning their black and white victims, the courageous struggle for liberation of more than 10 million oppressed South African workers strongly surges forward.

After the Sharpeville massacre of more than a year ago in which an officially admitted 78 unarmed, defenseless, freedom-seeking Africans were deliberately slaughtered and many others badly wounded, there resulted no disunity in this group from the racist brutality. The mass killing of their members by police bullets and government police dogs only served to make them decidedly stronger.

Relentlessly united in their struggle, immediately after Sharpeville, they heroically organized a general strike which demonstrated to the slave masters that the Blacks' will to win and their indestructible togetherness is power which makes them an invincible force.

Now this powerful, determined force of black workers has made plans to set off new anti-government demonstrations and a **new general strike** on May 29, 30, and 31. To try to offset this move, however, the reactionary white ruling class under the rule of racist Verwoerd has taken counter measures by having convened his henchmen to launch innumerable raids upon non-whites to confiscate weapons and any instruments which could be used as weapons: rifles, hatchets, spades, screwdrivers, etc., thus leaving the workers with one remaining weapon—the strike. The strike, needless to say, is illegal and very dangerous, but as proven last year, very effective.

There have also been mass arrests of African leaders in an attempt to separate the leadership from the movement. And the government of white supremacists has now mustered up 5,000 armed reservists to add to the regular armed forces in preparation for an uprising.

Significantly, one purpose of the raids was to get evidence that there was **cooperation between whites and non-whites** against the government. The government is deathly frightened, and well understands that even the minority **white** population is not united behind the repressive dictatorship.

Even with the use of more and more repressive measures, the most Verwoerd can do is force the movement temporarily underground. But this vicious blackguard, this unscrupulous criminal, this champion of slavery, will have to face the fact that the explosion of South Africa is coming ever closer. It is irresistible and inevitable.

Honor Lumumba

Umuahia-Ibeku, Nigeria—The names of three streets of this Eastern Nigerian city have been changed, honoring Dr. M. I. Okpara, Francis Akanu Ibiam, and *Patrice Lumumba.*

Black Muslims Attract Thousands To Open-Air Rally in Harlem

By Nat Douglass

New York, May 15 — The Muslim Brotherhood of Elijah Muhammad called a "Freedom Day" rally at 125th Street today and drew thousands of enthusiastic supporters and sympathizers to hear the Muslim message.

This meeting was utterly unlike the usual street meeting, even the usual *big* street meeting. It was *organized* down to the last bit of decoration on the stand, and it featured the well-known Max Roach and Abbie Lincoln as well as a "steel band" from Trinidad, an African drum troupe and singing by Minister Louis X of the Muslims' Boston Temple.

High point and main attraction of the occasion was the three-hour speech of Harlem's famous Muslim Minister, Malcolm X in which he answered the slanderous attacks made against the Muslims by the capitalist press and the "parrots of the slavemasters."

"We are demanding freedom for the black man . . . and they call us racists . . . we are bringing new dignity to the black man . . . and they call us anti-white." he said.

He drew a telling analogy which showed the difference between the "Black Bourgeoisie" and the black masses.

"Before emancipation," said Malcolm, "there were two types of slaves — the house slave and the field slave. The house slave lived in the master's house, ate the master's food, wore the master's clothing, and when the master's house would catch fire, he would fight even harder than the master himself to put the fire out.

"On the other hand, the field slave lived in the more wretched condition, being ill-fed and ill-housed. And when the mastvr's house would catch fire, he would say, 'Man, look at it burn!'"

This homely example of the right attitude of the oppressed for his oppressor went over with a tremendous roar.

In a more profound vein, the speaker demonstrated his views on self-determination for the black people. *"The difference between separation and segregation is this:*

"Segregation is something forced on you by someone who says he is your superior. Separation is something you choose for yourself, as an equal."

As he did on a similar occasion last year, Malcolm X had offered the platform to other "so-called Negro leaders" to debate with him and prove that they were not parrots of the white supremacist masters.

But none of them showed up.

How MUCH Closer?

Richard L. Tobin, the new editor of *The Saturday Review*, said that the election of Kennedy—a Catholic—to the presidency has *"brought the possibility of a colored man in the White House even closer to reality."*

All Portugal's Bloody Suppressions Can't Beat Angola Revolution

By R. G. Lieder

The heroic struggle of the Angolan Revolutionaries against Portuguese colonialism marks a very special phase in the African Revolution—the struggle of the oppressed against the most ancient, primitive and "pure" colonialism in Africa.

The other colonial powers in Africa, by and large, have been compelled to modify their exploitation of the African —by granting concessions such as token political independence—in a desperate attempt to placate the rising tide of African Nationalism. But Portuguese imperialism has maintained the worst features of early colonialist enslavement. In fact, Captain Henrique Galvao has said that the system of forced labor (the modern equivalent of slavery) in the colonies of Angola, Mozambique, and Portuguese Guinea is *"worse than pure slavery."*

The current Angolan Revolution differs from all previous uprisings ruthlessly crushed by the Portuguese in their nearly 500 years of rule, in that **today the Revolution has a much greater chance of succeeding.**

The African Revolution, sweeping the continent like a brushfire, from Capetown to Algiers, has not failed to ignite the flames of Revolution in Angola.

The Revolutionaries today have the active support, not only of countries such as Ghana, Guinea, and Mali, but also from countries having only a small measure of political independence.

Elements from one or both of two Nationalist groups, The Union of the Populations of Angola (UPA) and The Revolutionary African Front for the National Independence of the Portuguese Colonies (FRAIN) appear to have positions of active leadership in the Revolution.

At present, the Revolutionaries control a large section of Northern Angola, about the size of New York State, which includes the rich coffee-producing Dembros area. (Coffee is the major crop of Angola.)

The blow for freedom struck by the revolutionaries has cost a heavy price in blood. In the past two months, 25,000 Angolans have been slaughtered by Portuguese troops.

The oppressors' blood bath will avail them nothing. The revolution in Angola, as in the rest of Africa, is irrepressible and will not be stopped.

Portuguese imperialism will be the victim of its own mad frenzy as well as the vengeance of its slaves.

Ghana Masses Sing War Songs And Cry for Angola's Freedom

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ACCRA, May 19—All Ghana is enraged over the mass killing of Angolans.

The Convention People's Party has called on the Ghana Government to institute an economic boycott against Portugal as she had already done in the case of South Africa.

This followed a peaceful demonstration by thousands of Ghanaians in Accra, against the Portuguese atrocities in Angola.

The demonstrators wended their way through all the principal streets in Accra.

They sang war songs and for nearly thirty minutes the thousands of people demonstrated in front of American Embassy and the United Kingdom High Commission.

The Party also asked other independent African states to do the same and break off diplomatic relations with Portugal.

These requests were contained in a number of resolutions sent to Ghana's President Dr. Kwame Nkrumah at a mass protest rally at the Young Pioneers Centre following the demonstration.

The resolution further called for the expulsion of all Portuguese nationals, trade or consular representatives and a ban on the entry into Ghana of Portuguese ships and aircraft.

Portuguese companies operating in any of the independent African states, the resolution urged, should be compelled by law to register such interests immediately and to freeze such assets indefinitely until Portugal granted full and unconditional political independence to all her colonies in Africa and Asia.

Addressing the rally, Mr. Tawia Adamafio, Minister of State for Presidential Affairs, unreservedly condemned the Portuguese imperialists.

The Minister sounded a note of warning to the Salazar regime that the "wind of change" which Ghana's President had generated in Africa would blow them and their Western accomplices off their balance into the sea.

Mr. John K. Tettegah, Secretary-General of the Trades Union Congress, pledged the Congress total support for the heroic nationalists in their struggle for freedom.

Another speaker at the rally, Mr. Martin Appiah Danquah, General Secretary of the United Ghana Farmers Council, called for support for the Angolans in their struggle for freedom and condemned the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for its activities in Angola.